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Politico - EPA proposal could shift war on renewable fuels - 12/5/13 - A battle royal over ethanol will be on display Thursday as oil, livestock, environmental, biofuels and consumer groups descend on a public hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's renewable fuels mandate. More than 140 people will testify during a planned 24 panels scheduled over 12 hours, including lowa Gov. Terry Branstad and U.S. Rep. Bruce Braley. http://www.politico.com/story/2013/12/environmental-protection-agency-renewable-fuels-gasoline-100687.html

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AgWeb - Corn Farmers Head to Washington to Defend Ethanol at Hearing - 12/5/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to cut the amount of corn ethanol required under the 2014 Renewable Fuel Standard by 10 percent will affect corn prices and rural economies, farmers plan to tell the agency at a hearing set for Thursday outside the nation's capital. http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-national.php?Id=2737&yr=2013

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Farm Futures - Ethanol Supporters Say Rural Economy Will Pay Price for RFS Reduction - Renewable Fuel Standard stakeholders are scheduled to lay it all on the table Thursday during a special Environmental Protection Agency hearing on the fate of the RFS policy. http://farmfutures.com/story-ethanol-supporters-rural-economy-pay-price-rfs-reduction-0-105712

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St. Louis American - Expert: feds should clean up landfill - 12/4/13 - International nuclear waste expert Robert Alvarez says the Environmental Protection Agency "erred" in its 2008 decision to leave "highly radiotoxic" waste at the West Lake Landfill site in Bridgeton. http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local_news/article_3effcd52-5d69-

